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(U) Oroville – Alleged Serial Killer Charged After Multi-Agency Investigation

(U) Authorities filed new charges against Ryan Scott Blinston, 37, for murders in the Sacramento area last May and June. Blinston worked for a tree-trimming service and randomly chose his victims from among those he worked for. Blood and DNA evidence in Blinston's car helped authorities tie Blinston to one of the victims. When police went to apprehend Blinston, they found him attempting to break into a motorhome with a hatchet. The owner of the home woke up to Blinston attacking him, and managed to get him outside of the house and locked out when authorities arrived. Blinston has been in jail since his initial arrest in June 2020.

SOURCE: 13 May 2021, [The Daily Beast](#)

(U) Rancho Cordova – More Than 100-pounds of Illegal Fireworks Seized After Arrest

(U) More than 100-pounds of illegal fireworks have been taken off the streets as a result of a man's arrest in Rancho Cordova, according to the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District. Angel Gonzalez was arrested Friday and charged with two felony counts and one misdemeanor for selling illegal fireworks. Metro Fire said Gonzalez was in possession of an "assortment of aerial fireworks." The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office also assisted in the arrest and investigation. No information has been provided as to how Gonzalez was brought to investigator's attention.

SOURCE: 13 May 2021, [FOX40](#)

(U) Salinas – Active Norteños Gang Members Arrested Following Assault

(U) At least three active gang members associated with the Norteños are in custody after they assaulted someone at the Northridge Mall last month. Search warrants were issued at the homes of Bertin Medrano, 27, and three juveniles after officers with the Salinas Police Department's Violence and Suppression Task Force identified them as the suspects in the attack. Following the execution of the search warrants, three of the four robbery suspects were taken into custody along with two other men, Jose Mexicano, 22, and Juan Gallardo, 24, who were found to be in possession of illegal narcotics. The suspects are being housed at the Monterey County Jail and Monterey Juvenile Hall, respectively.

SOURCE: 13 May 2021, [KION546](#)

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(U) New York – Police Make Arrest in Attack of Asian Woman Hit with Hammer

(U) New York City – Ebony Jackson, 37, who officials describe as a homeless woman, was arrested on Wednesday on charges of assault, criminal possession of a weapon and menacing. Two Asian females, aged 31 and 29, were walking on a sidewalk on 2 May around 8:40 PM when Jackson approached the women, demanded they remove their masks, and then struck the 31-year-old in the head with a hammer. The NYPD has reported 81 total anti-Asian hate crimes in 2021 through 9 May, a rise from 17 reported by this month last year. The NYPD's Hate Crime Task Force is investigating the incident and the probe is ongoing.

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SOURCE: 13 May 2021, [ABC News](#)

(U) Utah – 21 Arrested, Four Hundred Thousand Dollars Seized, in Large Drug Bust

(U) Salt Lake City – A Salt Lake City federal grand jury returned a 32-count indictment charging 21 people for their roles in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, fentanyl, heroin, and cocaine across the Wasatch Front. Court documents state law enforcement officers seized 27-pounds of methamphetamine, 22-pounds of cocaine, four-pounds of fentanyl, two-pounds of heroin, and more than \$400,000 during the massive drug operation. The grand jury charged 18 people with conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, 14 people with conspiracy to distribute fentanyl, five with conspiracy to distribute heroin, and 18 people are charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine, among other charges.

SOURCE: 13 May 2021, [KJZZ](#)

(U) Virginia – Active Duty Marine Arrested for Assaulting Officer in the US Capitol Riot

(U) Quantico – An active-duty Marine was arrested on Thursday for allegedly breaching the Capitol doors during the 6 January insurrection and getting into a physical altercation with a police officer. Photos show a man authorities believe to be Christopher Warnagiris pushing his way through a door at the Capitol and helping others to gain entry. Video footage shows when an officer attempted to shove him out of the doorway after ordering him to move, Warnagiris allegedly pushed the officer back in a struggle for command of the doorway. Warnagiris is accused of being the first individual to break through the police barrier and enter the building. His entrance gave way to others who pushed their way past officers who were still trying to block the doorway, according to a criminal complaint. The Marine is also accused of positioning himself in a way so as to help others make their way inside, as well.

SOURCE: 13 May 2021, [Newsweek](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Afghanistan – Twelve Killed in Explosion at Mosque During Friday Prayers

(U) Kabul – At least 12 people were killed in an explosion inside a mosque in the Afghan capital of Kabul during Friday prayers as worshippers gathered for the second day of the Eid al-Fitr holiday, officials said. A spokesman for the Kabul police said the mosque's Imam was among the 12 dead and at least 15 other people were wounded. He did not identify the mosque where the blast took place. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack. Taliban insurgents have called a three-day ceasefire for the holiday, which marks the end of the Ramadan holy fasting month. The blast came less than a week after an explosion at a school killed 80 people, most of them schoolgirls from the ethnic Hazara Shi'ite Muslim minority.

SOURCE: 14 May 2021, [WHBL](#)

(U) France – Toshiba Unit Confirms Being Hacked in May, Blames DarkSide

(U) Paris – A division of Toshiba based in France said that DarkSide, the hacking group blamed for crippling the US Colonial pipeline, had targeted it in a ransomware attack during the night of 4 May. The unit said in a statement that only a minimal amount of work data was lost during the cyberattack and no leaks of data have been detected. It said it had put protective measures in place immediately after the attack. As of reporting, Toshiba had not contacted the ransomware company and had not paid a ransom. Toshiba has indicated that its teams remained mobilized to deal with the situation.

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(U) Germany – Chancellor Merkel Condemns Synagogue Attacks

(U) Berlin – Chancellor Angela Merkel condemned attacks on synagogues and other Jewish cultural institutions in Germany after police detained more than a dozen men in three cities suspected of damaging a synagogue, burning Israeli flags, and starting a fire at a Jewish memorial site. Authorities are warning there could be further protests over the conflict between Israel and Palestinian militants in Gaza. Israel's Ambassador in Berlin, Jeremy Issacharoff, called on Germany to protect the Jewish community. The ambassador indicated that the conflict in the Middle East has nothing to do with the Jewish community in Germany and asked for authorities to ensure the safety of all living in their jurisdiction.

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